



# Cape Charles

"Shore Stay Suites is a 20 room hotel located near the popular Stingrays Restaurant on US Route 13 on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The hotel is 6 miles from the historic town of Cape Charles and 6 miles from the scenic Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.

The Eastern Shore is a pristine nature area that boasts several national and state parks and preserves. As the newest hotel in Cape Charles we want to respect the beauty of our community by being concious of the impact a hotel has and taking measures to minimize it.

Shore Stay Suites is 20 room hotel in the heart of the pristine Eastern Shore of Virginia. We appreciate the importance of conservation and in everything we do attempt to minimize our impact on the environment. We purchase "green" chemicals and products whever possible and ecourage our staff and guests to be concious of the water and energy usage. In the winter months we shut down the  $2^{nd}$  floor to conserve energy."



## **GREEN ACTIVITIES**

- **Optional Linen Service.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:
  - Have signage in each quest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
  - Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service

- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Use Living Green products/ chemicals
- Recycling and Waste Reduction. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:
  - Provide the opportunity for guests to recycle: glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, newspaper, office paper
  - Have recycling bins located: a recycling can is in the vending areas and lobby
  - Also recycle office paper, toner cartridges
  - Purchase recycled products wherever possible

#### Guest rooms

- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items

# Restrooms

 Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper

### Office

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Purchase recycled paper with a highpercentage recycled content
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible



## Building and grounds

- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

## Activities indoors

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks

# **Activities outdoors**

- Have an effective landscape management plan which minimizes lawn areas
- **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

## Heating and cooling

- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Have installed ceiling fans
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed in HVAC system is on

#### Lighting

- Use natural lighting
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms

- Have installed directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas
- Have adopted a policy/practice to minimize the use of lighting during night cleaning

## Appliances and electronic devices

Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)

For more information on Shore Stay Suites see <a href="www.shorestaysuites.com">www.shorestaysuites.com</a> or contact Edward Denton at <a href="edenton@dentonhospitality.com">edenton@dentonhospitality.com</a> or 757-331-4090.

**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices is all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. *Virginia Green* is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation. The program has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism; these practices are the minimum requirements for participation in the program, but encourages participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations.

For more information on *Virginia Green* program, see <a href="https://www.deg.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen">www.deg.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen</a> or <a href="https://www.virginiagreentravel.org">www.virginiagreentravel.org</a>.





